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The Honorable Glenn Poshard
107 Cannon : House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 28, 1993

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Sincerely,

Brace E. Marshall

Brad Marshall
2452 Marquette St.
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A Concerned Modeler.

Jeff Bedell

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February 1993

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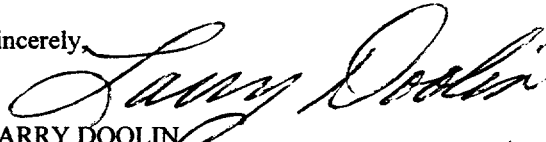
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LARRY DOOLIN
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Roy Cameron

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PANA IL. 62557

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Brad Emery 2-17-93

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February 23, 1993

Mr. Richard J. Durbin
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
NOT ACKNOWLEDGED

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Dear Mr. Durbin:

I am a resident of Decatur, Illinois and a veteran of the U.S. Airforce who derives many hours of pleasure from the hobby of Radio Control aircraft construction and flying. I have a great deal of time, as well as money invested in this hobby, as most (if not all) RC aircraft enthusiasts do. Historically the RC aircraft hobby has made significant contributions to the commercial aviation industry since it's inception over 40 years ago.

I have become very disturbed and concerned since learning of a proposed rule change under consideration by the FCC, PR DOCKET 92-235. If this rule is adopted, frequencies currently allocated and used by RC aircraft would be greatly jeopardized. The result would be an increase in the accidents and liabilities involved in flying RC aircraft.

RC aircraft have wingspans from 3 to 10 feet, weigh from 5-35 pounds, and can travel at speeds in excess of 120 MPH. Obviously, a 10 pound object travelling through the air at 100 MPH (average) under radio control, could pose a significant personal safety hazard if the radio frequency used to control the object (plane) is interfered with. The result could be property damage, serious personal injury, or even death.

The proposed FCC rule change would place commercial land mobile radio frequencies at great risk of interfering with the safe control of RC aircraft by allocating new land mobile frequencies directly adjacent to RC frequencies. In fact, technical specifications for new land mobile radio equipment would allow frequency tolerances that would place their signals directly on top of ours! The fact that this equipment is mobile is even more disturbing since you would never know when you may be at risk.

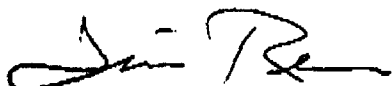
This is very disturbing considering the great lengths that RC operators, clubs, and the industry in general go to to ensure that RC aircraft modeling is a safe hobby. Many safety rules and regulations are in place throughout the RC aircraft hobby industry, local flying clubs, and contests and competitive events that ensure the safe operation of RC aircraft through the careful control and coordination of the use of aircraft radio control frequencies.

There are thousands of RC aircraft enthusiast in this country and in Illinois (one of the largest distributors of RC equipment in the country is located in Champaign). We often fly our aircraft at local flying clubs where there are usually quite a few spectators and enthusiasts. Also, there are many organized national and international flying contests and competitive events that are attended by hundreds, and even thousands, of participants and spectators. This rule change would threaten the safety of those events.

In addition, Radio Control modelers have anywhere from several hundred to several thousands of dollars worth of equipment that would also be rendered unusable by this rule change. I personally have over \$800 worth of equipment that may have to be replaced if this rule change is approved.

In short, this is a plea for your assistance to prevent the FCC from creating a public safety hazard and allowing me to continue to enjoy this otherwise safe pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out their proposed rule change for the 72-76 Mhz band. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated, since the FCC expects to take action on this proposal soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim Revis
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Decatur, IL 62526

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Feb. 14, 1993

The Honorable Glenn Dorschner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to PR Doctel 92-235. I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operation of radio controlled models. I own 7 pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. The models I build weigh as much as 17 lbs. and operate at 60 m.p.h. We operate our models at a public park. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close interference will occur and public safety will be a major problem.

I would appreciate your vote against this proposed new frequency assignment.

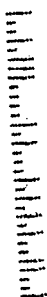
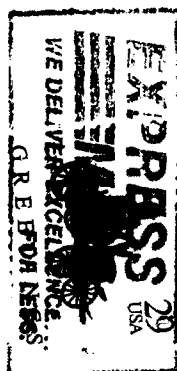
Thank you,

Deight Hartman

Argenta, Ill. 62501

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Argonne, Ill. 62501

to: The Honorable Glenn Dickson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



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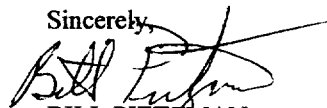
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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 22, 1993

MEMORANDUM

This letter is similar to one previously forward from Bob Barnd, who presented it to the Congressman at his Town Meeting in Mattoon.

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FEB 17 1993

The Honorable Glenn Poshard
1229 Loggworth House
Office Bldg.,
Washington D.C.

Feb. 13, 1993

Dear Congressman Poshard:

I am an active participant in the hobby of model aviation. I am a member of a local flying club in your district and I am also an officer of that club. I derive many hours of enjoyment from building and flying model radio-controlled airplanes.

Recently I have become aware of proposed changes by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) concerning our assigned radio frequencies. I am referring to NPRM-87 Docket 82-255 and if it is adopted, these new rules will greatly reduce the usability of our currently assigned frequencies. Our hobby enjoys a safety record that is second to none except for maybe staying at home and watching television and if these new frequency changes take effect, it will greatly diminish that margin of safety which is necessary for the survival of model aviation.

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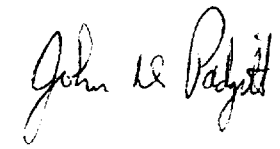
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Sincerely,


John D. Padgitt
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Charleston IL, 61920

MAR 2 1993

Hon. Glen Poshard
House of Representatives
314 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Feb. 22, 1993

Dear Mr. Poshard:

I became interested in aviation about 2 years ago. It has been a very enjoyable for me and I have met some very helpful people. The club I am in, makes it fun, not only for me but for our families.

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The Honorable Glen Poshard

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Sincerely,

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Congressman Jerry F. Costello
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Washington, D.C.

February 1, 1993

The Honorable Jerry Costello
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Costello,

It has recently come to my attention that the FCC is considering an action that will severely limit and possibly eliminate a well-established and important hobby in this country -- radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

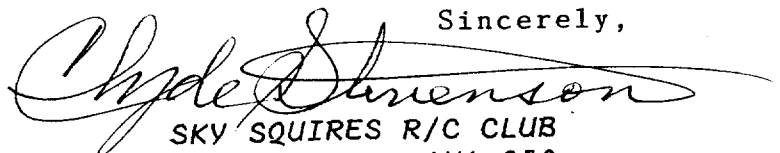
As a member of a nationally-affiliated local club, I am most concerned about the proposed rule under consideration by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235) which would allow mobile units access to frequencies within 2.5 KHz of those presently available to us. The way I understand it, this proposal would replace Part 90 of the current rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping a 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C hobbyists. Part 88 will allow mobile units to eliminate (for all practical purposes) at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels than these will likely be affected.

This action will have a devastating impact upon the entire R/C sport/hobby community, a group that has produced some of the outstanding leaders in aeronautical engineering, space exploration, and general aviation. Neil Armstrong, Robert "Hoot" Gibson, and Frank Borman are just a few such products of model aviation.

I urge you to reconsider keeping 10 KHz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands, thereby insuring that one of our country's most enjoyable and educational hobbies will continue to exist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Glen Poshard
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D C 20515

Dear Mr. Poshard

I have been constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes for the past 20 years. I am president of our local club whose members enjoy these same interests.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobil frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the

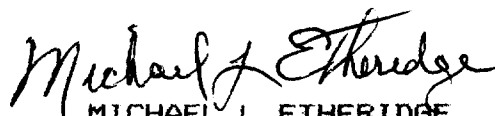
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operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael L. Etheridge".

MICHAEL L ETHERIDGE
PRESIDENT PROP BUSTERS
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